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1. IN DECEMBER 13 COLUMN LARGELY DEVOTED TO VANCE APPOINTMENT, ONE OF EGYPT'S MOST RESPECTED COMMENTATORS, AHRAM'S AHMED BAHA ADAMDI, CONCLUDES ARABS CAN EXPECT CHANGE IN US APPROACH TO MIDDLE EAST BUT NOT IN US OBJECTIVES. MAIN DIFFERENCE WILL BE END OF KISSINGER "PERSONAL DIPLOMACY." FACILITATED BY WEAKNESS OF NIXON AND FORD ADMINISTRATIONS. STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY, LONG CRITIZED BY DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOREIGN RELATIONS EXPERTS SUCH AS GEORGE BALL, IS ALSO THING OF THE PAST. NEW SECRETARY, WHOM BAHA AD-DIN REMEMBERS FROM LONDON MEETINGS OF ARIEL SOCIETY, IS NOT NEW TO MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND HAS GREAT INTEREST IN IT. "VANCE IS MAN OF SHARP INTELLECT BUT, CONTRARY TO KISSINGER, IS RESERVED AND TACTIURN."

2. ARTICLE CALLS FOR ARABS TO STEP UP AND CONSOLIDATE CURRENT ME POLITICAL OFFENSIVE BY DIRECT CONTRACTS WITH ALL NEW AMERICAN POLICY MAKERS. US OPINION WILL BE MOST AFFECTED BY WHAT EGYPTIANS DOING AT HOME: "UNIFYING ARAB POLICY, CLARITY OF VISION, BUILDING SOUND ECONOMY AND FULL MILITARY PREPAREDNESS."
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